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SUBJECT: Libya Weekly Update

Below is a summary of the latest top headlines of the week surrounding the news in Libya. Key highlights include:

- Airstrikes conducted by Haftar's LNA forces killed three children and wounded their mother and sister. This is another example of the war crimes that have been committed by Haftar's forces. Prime Minister al-Saraaj was on the ground in the aftermath to console victims and their families of this tragic strike.
- The UN envoy is looking to foster a meeting that is aimed at ending the current proxy war in Libya. The arms embargo in existence now is not being enforced, and Ghassan Salame is working towards getting countries like Russia, France, UAE, to cease providing arms and mercenaries on the ground.
- General Haftar, in an interview with Russian propaganda outlet Sputnik, expressed his support for former dictator Muammar Gaddafi's son to run for President of Libya.

Reuters (10/14): [Air strike in Libyan capital Tripoli kills three young sisters](#)

- An airstrike launched by Haftar's LNA killed three children, and wounded the mother and sister of these three girls.
- The launch, outside of Tripoli, was another LNA strike on civilian houses near the capital.
- Prime Minister al-Saraaj went to the site of the airstrike to console victims and family of the victims in the aftermath of the attack.

Reuters (10/11): [U.N. envoy pushes to stop 'blatant' embargo violations in Libya](#)

- The UN envoy is looking to stop foreign powers from escalating the current proxy war taking place in Libya.
- The arms embargo, which has been in effect, has not been enforced. This has allowed countries like Russia, UAE, and Egypt to provide arms, and in Russia's case mercenaries, to forces aligned with General Haftar.
- In a future diplomatic conference, UN Envoy for Libya, Ghassan Salame, looks to call for a ceasefire. He expressed concerns for further escalation creating a spread of militancy, increased migrant flows to Europe, disruption of oil supplies and instability in the region.

The Hill (10/15): [What is the future of Libya?](#)

- The Brookings Institute published an Op-Ed discussing how NGO's have made an impact in charting a peaceful way forward in Libya. This work has been ongoing since Gaddafi was removed from office.
- Brookings also suggest outside powers have Haftar remove his forces from Tripoli, and work to shift government focus on local municipalities to create political unity.

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Punch (10/15): [Gaddafi's son has right to run for president, says Libya's army chief](#)

- General Haftar, in an interview with Sputnik, expressed his support in allowing the son of former Libyan dictator Muammer Gaddafi to run for President of Libya.
- He believes that he has every right to considering he is a Libyan citizen. There remains no apparent dialogue between the two, and he is unsure of his whereabouts.

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